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CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS;

WITH OTHER  
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ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

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WHEN I first began to write the following Work, I thought of nothing more than to compose a few verses for my own amusement; but on hearing me read and sing several of the Hymns, many of my friends requested that they should be printed. At their continued solicitation, therefore, notwithstanding the small portion of education with which I have been favoured, and without the expectation of pleasing *every body*, I consented; and they are now offered to the publick, imperfect as they are, leaving the reader to form his own opinion of their merit.

I have had much pleasure and consolation in composing these Hymns; and if others can find the same satisfaction in perusing or singing them, I shall consider myself abundantly recompensed for my trouble. I pray God, that they may not only please the fancy, but enlighten the hearts of their readers. And that it may serve to encou-



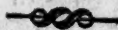
rage all whose hands it may fall into, universally to adore the Great Creator of the Universe, is the prayer of

Their unworthy servant,

JOHN COLLVER.

Townsend, London District, }  
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## HYMNS.



### HYMN I. S. M.

*A prayer for lasting peace. Composed in August, 1815.*

- 1 **H**OW long, great God! are we  
To waste our days in grief,  
And pray for thy great jubilee,  
Before thou grant relief?
- 2 Stretch forth, O Lord! thine hand  
Of mercy, love, and power;  
And humble all the hearts of men,  
That they learn war no more.
- 3 May they destroy the sword,  
And plough-shares make amain,  
According to thy holy word,  
Learn war no more again.
- 4 To all the nations grant  
An interest in thy love,  
And suffer none to lack or want  
Aid from thy throne above.
- 5 Lord, may thy kingdom come,  
And Jesus reign in peace,  
And call his wand'ring pilgrims home,  
And blood and carnage cease.

- 6 May Satan in his chains  
 Be long and firmly bound :  
 Loose him no more, O Lord ! again,  
 'Till thousand years roll round.
- 7 Lord, may our eyes behold  
 The blessed days of peace,  
 Which, in thy word, are long foretold,  
 When war and strife shall cease.

## HYMN II. L. M.

*Paraphrase on the Lord's prayer.*

- 1 **T**HIS is the form for man to pray,  
 Appointed by our blessed Lord,  
 Around whose throne's eternal day ;  
 This is his holy sovereign word.
- 2 Our Father who in heaven art,  
 All holy be thy sacred name ;  
 Pour out thy spirit in our hearts,  
 And with thy love our souls inflame.
- 3 Lord, may on earth thy kingdom come,  
 And thy eternal holy will,  
 As round thy throne it now is done,  
 Thy sovereign pleasure to fulfil.
- 4 Forgive our sins, O Lord ! forgive,  
 And help our prayers for every man,  
 That they be faithful while they live,  
 And in thy love and favour stand.
- 5 Grant us, O Lord ! our daily bread,  
 And feed our minds with perfect love,  
 That our immortal souls be led  
 To join the holy throng above.



- 6 From every evil—every snare ;  
Lord, keep us from the tempting way,  
And make our souls thy holy care,  
That we may never go astray.
- 7 The kingdom and all power is thine ;  
All holy be thy sovereign name ;  
Let saints and angels all combine  
In the last solemn sound—AMEN.

## HYMN III. C. M.

*The same.*

- 1 **T**HIS is the form for man to pray,  
Commanded by our Lord,  
Around whose throne angels obey,  
And saints adore his word.
- 2 Our Father, who in heaven art,  
All holy be thy name,  
Send down thy love, and warm our hearts  
With an immortal flame.
- 3 Lord, may on earth thy kingdom come,  
And thy most holy will,  
As round thy throne it now is done,  
Thy pleasure to fulfil.
- 4 Forgive our sins, O Lord! forgive,  
And grant us hearts to pray;  
For every man on earth that lives,  
That they thy voice obey.
- 5 Grant us, O Lord! our daily bread,  
And feed our minds with love,  
That when our mortal parts are dead  
Our souls may feast above.

- 6 From every evil—every snare;  
 Keep us from tempting ways,  
 And make our souls thy holy care,  
 That we may learn thy praise.
- 7 Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r,  
 All holy be thy name;  
 Prapare us, Lord, for the last hour  
 To sound the great—*Amen.*

## HYMN IV. S. M.

*The same.*

- 1 **T**HIS is the form to pray,  
 Proposed by our dear Lord:  
 This is the solemn humble way  
 Appointed in his word.
- 2 Father in heaven above,  
 May thy great kingdom come,  
 As angels do thy will through love,  
 So let it here be done.
- 3 Forgive, O Lord! our sins  
 As we forgive each man,  
 That we may never stray again,  
 But in thy favour stand.
- 4 Give us each day our bread,  
 And lead us by thy love,  
 That when our mortal parts are dead  
 Our souls may mount above.
- 5 Keep us from tempting ways,  
 And from an evil mind,  
 That we in heaven may sing thy praise,  
 And every glory find.

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- 6 The kingdom all is thine,  
All holy be thy name;  
Lord, may all nature sweetly join  
In the last sound—*Amen.*

HYMN V. P. M.

*The same.*

- 1 **T**HIS is the form to pray,  
Appointed by our Lord,  
Who formed both night and day,  
By his creating word;  
And formed the mediatorial plan,  
And holds all nature in his hand.
- 2 Our father and our God,  
All holy be thy name;  
Thy power extends abroad,  
To endless years the same:  
In earth as heaven thy will be done;  
Lord, let thy glorious kingdom come.
- 3 Grant us our daily bread,  
And feed our souls with love,  
And, by thy spirit, lead  
Us to thy courts above,  
That we may bow before thy throne,  
And make thy great salvation known.
- 4 Our trespasses and sins  
Extinguish from our minds,  
And purge our natures clean:  
By sovereign love divine;  
For every soul now let us pray—  
Lord, may they put their sins away.

- 5 From evil guide our feet,  
 And from the tempter's ways,  
 That we in heaven may meet  
 And sing thy noble praise,  
 And join th' immortal ransom'd throng  
 In an eternal lovely song.
- 6 The kingdom and all pow'r  
 Belongs to thee, our God;  
 Let heaven and earth adore,  
 And all the worlds abroad;  
 And let all nature praise thy name,  
 And every creature say—*Amen.*

## HYMN VI. C. M.

*The same.*

- 1 **T**HIS is the form for man to pray,  
 Appointed by our Lord,  
 Around whose throne angels obey,  
 And saints adore his word.
- 2 Our father who in heaven art,  
 All holy be thy name,  
 Whose love extends through every part,  
 And fills all nature's frame.
- 3 Lord, let on earth thy kingdom come,  
 And banish every ill,  
 As round thy throne all things are done,  
 According to thy will.
- 4 Grant us, O Lord! our daily bread,  
 And bear away our sin,  
 That we may live when death's destroy'd,  
 With spirits pure and clean.

- 5 Help us forgive the trespasses  
Of all the sons of men,  
That we may not thy spirit grieve;  
But constant pray for them.
- 6 Keep us, O Lord! from tempting ways,  
Where sins afflict the mind;  
Then we shall never go astray,  
But life eternal find.
- 7 The kingdom and all power is thine,  
To endless years the same:  
Lord, let all nature sweetly join,  
The solemn sound—*Amen.*

## HYMN VII. L. M.

*The sovereign dealings of God in the  
works of nature.*

- 1 **T**HE sovereign power of the great God  
Spreads blooming nature round the  
globe,  
And bids the rolling worlds abroad  
Move round in their own orbits' road.
- 2 Supported by his power divine,  
They roll and sparkle in his hand,  
And in their sovereign order shine,  
Obedient to his great command.
- 3 The winter season of the year  
He bids give place to smiling spring;  
Then bids the summer heat draw near,  
And autumn bring her treasures in.
- 4 Each rolling season, at his call,  
Are subject to his sovereign will:



He is the Ruler of them all,  
And does the whole creation fill.

HYMN VIII. C. M.

*The conception and birth of the holy  
child Jesus.*

- 1 **B**Y faith we hear th' eternal king  
Bid the arch-angel fly,  
And to the blessed virgin bring  
News from the court on high.
- 2 Faith views the angel wing away  
To where the child is born—  
Behold! the Saviour's cloth'd with clay,  
Made in the infant form.
- 3 The virgin answers, "can this be,  
Seeing I knew no man?"  
The Holy Ghost shall come on thee,  
And form th' eternal plan.
- 4 The holy shadow of the dove,  
By God the father's word,  
Caused the blest virgin, full of love,  
To bare th' eternal Lord.
- 5 According to the appointed time,  
The infant did appear,  
Proceeding from king David's line;  
Th' eternal morning star.
- 6 That holy thing, the woman's seed;  
Son of the eternal God;  
Great prophet, priest, and king, indeed,  
Rules all the lands abroad.

- 7 This infant great Jehovah owns,  
 Who was to sinners given,  
 And trod the wine-press all alone—  
 Now bares their souls to heaven.
- 8 Adoring angels, at his birth,  
 Sung the sweet infant's praise,  
 And bid poor sinners here on earth,  
 To him their musick raise.

## HYMN IX. C. M.

*The human and glorified state of  
 Christ.*

- 1 **L**ORD, when we view thy darling son,  
 In the sweet infant form,  
 And view the wonders he has done,  
 Though in a stable born.
- 2 To view his humble, harmless birth,  
 Now seated on thy throne,  
 And he that once was cut from earth,  
 Does now creation own.
- 3 Faith views him in a manger lie,  
 Where brutal creatures fed;  
 And now he reigns above the sky,  
 With a majestick dread.
- 4 Once he was cloth'd in swaddlingbands:  
 How poorly did he fare!  
 Now holds creation in his hands,  
 And does thy glory wear.
- 5 Once he was trav'ling up and down,  
 No where to lay his head;  
 But now he wears a starry crown:  
 His voice can raise the dead.

- 6 Once did he suffer pain extreme,  
 When sweating sacred blood,  
 In the dark garden—Gethsemane—  
 Quite banished from his God.
- 7 Eternal now in heaven he reigns,  
 Far from the wrathful mob,  
 No more to suffer death's cold pains,  
 But on thy throne, O God!

## HYMN X. L. M.

*The infant state of Christ.*

- 1 **B**Y faith we view the heavenly form  
 March down the skies, and tidings  
 In Bethlehem a child is born; [bring:  
 The son of the eternal king.
- 2 Again, O Lord! we view thy son  
 In the fond virgin's tender arms;  
 He was grand chief when time begun,  
 Enjoying all his father's charms.
- 3 We view the infant prophet too—  
 Great Jesus is his holy name;  
 The wonder is for ever new,  
 Let heaven and earth aloud proclaim.
- 4 Faith views the shepherds from the east,  
 And hears their information given,  
 Presenting gifts to their high priest,  
 The infant darling king of heaven.
- 5 Hark! hear the heavenly armies sing!  
 Along the way the shepherds came;  
 The honors of their infant king,  
 And wonders of his holy name.

- 6 By faith we hear old Simeon's charge,  
And hearken to the prophet's word,  
Then view the wonder all at large,  
Beholding still an infant Lord.
- 7 We view the first-born offering made,  
For the all-holy infant priest;  
Hear what Phanuel's daughter said  
Of the eternal prince of peace.
- 8 Behold young Jesus, twelve years old!  
A harmless, humble, holy youth;  
His equal never can be told  
In union with eternal truth.

## HYMN XI. P. M.

*The sovereign providence of God in  
protecting the holy child Jesus.*

- 1 **B**EHOLD the darling God,  
In all his youthful days,  
Adorn the path he trod  
With love, and peace, and grace:  
Each step he took was formed in love,  
Ordered by the high court above.
- 2 Though Herod did employ  
A savage murdering band,  
With orders to destroy  
Young children from the land,  
God's holy angel did appear,  
And lead away the Saviour dear.
- 3 By night his parents fled,  
And bore the child away,  
Till the old fox was dead,  
Who sought him for his prey;

Then, to obey God's holy word,  
 From Egypt they bro't home the Lord.  
 4 In the next tyrant's reign,  
 To keep God's darling free,  
 That he should not be slain,  
 They turned to Galilee,  
 The holy scriptures to fulfil,  
 According to the sovereign will.

## HYMN XII. C. M.

*The sufferings and victory of Christ.*

- 1 **A** GAIN, O Lord! we'll view thy son,  
 In all the griefs he bore;  
 And the great victory he hath won,  
 Let heaven and earth adore.
- 2 Once Judas met him with his band—  
 A Jewish spiteful crew—  
 Now angels fly at his command,  
 And pay their homage too.
- 3 He who was bathed in his own blood,  
 Upon the hateful tree,  
 Now reigns in heaven, the son of God,  
 In spotless purity.
- 4 He who was laid in the cold grave  
 Among the sleeping dead,  
 Now holds the power from death to save,  
 With honours on his head.
- 5 Once soldiers mocked and passed him by;  
 For drink they gave him gall;  
 But now he rides upon the sky,  
 And worlds obey his call.



